



Horace Bristol

Second Annual

Art Tales

A Unique Contest for
Creative Writers

This contest is open to all
Ventura County residents.

Prizes will be awarded in
three age divisions.

Entry Deadline:
March 15, 2010

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The City of Ventura is pleased to sponsor, in partnership with E.P. Foster Library, a creative contest for local writers. The competition invites writers to submit an original short story or poem that was inspired by one of the Municipal Art Collection works of art currently on exhibit on the second floor of the E.P. Foster Library in downtown Ventura.

In an effort to make the City's art collection more accessible to the community, the City of Ventura joined with E.P. Foster Library to provide an exhibit space for a limited number of works, which are rotated annually. Each piece in this year's assortment of artwork challenges the viewer to puzzle over the work's meaning and provides an excellent opportunity for students and adults alike to exhibit their written skills while learning about viewing works of art. This contest is a call for imaginative and inventive people to examine a work of art and then write a short story or poem reflecting their unique interpretation.

Guidelines:

1. Visit the E.P. Foster Library, 651 E. Main Street, and view the six photographs from the City of Ventura's Municipal Art Collection currently exhibited on the library's second floor near the back door. Choose the one piece that "calls" to you and write an original poem or short story inspired by the ideas you think the work is trying to convey.
2. Although there is no minimum word requirement, entries should not be more than 1500 words in length.
3. Entries should be in 12 pt. font and may be submitted in either English or Spanish. Please include a title page with name, address, phone number, email address, title of work and number of words.
4. No more than two entries per person please.
5. **Entries must be submitted electronically by March 15, 2010 to jmaechler@cityofventura.net** and please place "Art Tales" in the subject box of the email.

Awards:

Entries will be judged by a committee of professionals, educators, librarians, and City of Ventura staff who will evaluate the work on its creativity, presentation, and correspondence to a specific artwork. In addition to seeing their stories published on the City's website, 1st place winners in each category will receive a \$30 cash prize, and all 2nd place winners will receive \$15. All winners will receive a bound edition of the winning entries.

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Prizes will be awarded in the following age categories:

Youth (grades 4 - 8)

High School (grades 9 - 12)

Adult (age 18 and up)

Artists and Works:

Horace Bristol
Joad Family Applying for Relief, 1938

Donna Granata
Sally Weber, 1999

John C. Lewis
In the Rain (la Feria), 2000

John Nichols
Large Ball - Fagan Canyon, 2006

Stephen Schaffer
Carwash on the Avenue, 2000

Tony's Pizza, 2004